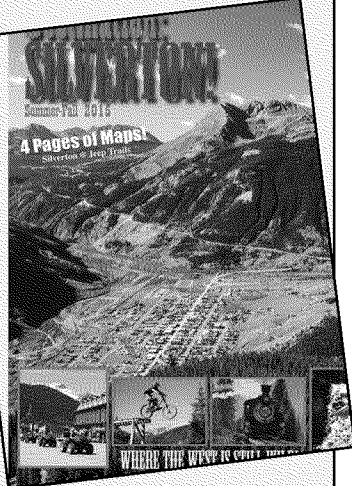


# Inside



# SAN JUAN CO

## Historical Society Inspires National Bipartisan Hydroelectric Legislation

The **Myerhoff Mill** located approximately 20 miles east of New York City, was the first to be operational and is used in the production of the **Myerhoff Mill** of the **San Juan Mountains**. The **Myerhoff Mill** was designed to produce a high quality, low cost, and environmentally friendly **Myerhoff Mill** which can be used in a variety of applications. The **Myerhoff Mill** is a high quality, low cost, and environmentally friendly **Myerhoff Mill** which can be used in a variety of applications.

This pipeline, follows the path of the old, 1930s Mount Willey John Meun and Arthur Bonfield Willey pipeline which brought water from Mount Lake to the Mount Willey Mill. Remains of the pipeline are still visible. The present pipeline was installed in 1970, but significant portions of it had been replaced by many resident materials.

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Then would be required votes. We became the poster child in getting the only bipartisan legislation passed in the last six years in Congress.

A bill was introduced in the House called the (Un)productive Regulatory Efficiency Act. It was reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives January 15, 2013. The bill's main focus is to clear much of the red tape associated

A bipartisan bill called the Hydrogen Supply Incentives Act of 2013 to encourage expanded hydrogen production in the United States was introduced in the Senate. The bill aimed at lowering barriers for smaller hydrogen production and would require a study on a streamlined permitting process, siting, dioxin and pumped storage production. It joined the Senate on 2014.

The Hydrogen Regulatory Efficiency Act created a "regulatory offsetting" from EERC permitting requirements for non-emissions-related

# In Brief

## 'Death Ride' to roll this weekend

Aurora bicyclist Barry Sopinsky, founder and director of the Death Ride Tour for Life, said that first ride — from Silverton to Telluride, then on to Durango and back to Silverton — raised about \$2,000 for the charities.

The event was canceled in 2014 but Sopinsky said the ride is on again for June 6-8 this year.

Sopinsky says 145 riders have signed up so far. The bicycling starts at 8 a.m. Saturday at 14th and Greene. The riders expect to get back to Silverton Monday afternoon.

## Hillside Cemetery work day June 20

The 22nd annual Silverton  
*See BRIEFS, Page 5*

# The Casey Jones



The Casey Jones rail bus, built by the Sunnyside Mill in Eureka in 1915, crosses the Animas River south of Silverton while out on an excursion on Tuesday, June 2.

# Cemetery walk to protest vandalism

Silvertonians are planning a walk from the fire station to Hillside Cemetery on Sunday morning, June 7, in response to vandalism discovered at a grave site there last week.

On Memorial Day, Silverton Fire Chief Gilbert Archuleta discovered the grave of his parents, Ermalinda and Carlos Archuleta, had been damaged, with a vase broken, a statue of the Virgin Mary shattered and a flag tossed to the ground.

Sharon Publicover Lantz of Silverton started a Facebook campaign to organize the

“Our family is touched knowing that there a lot of good people out there, too.”

## Gilbert Archuleta

Sunday walk, which will start at 8:30 a.m. at the fire station.

"I saw the picture of Mr. Archuleta at his family grave after it was vandalized," Lantz said. "This family should know that we feel their pain and want to help in any way possible. To the Archuleta family,

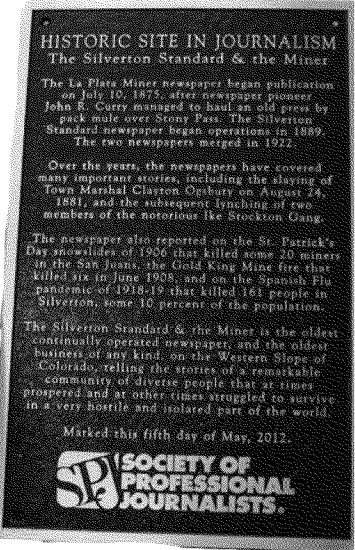
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Mark Esper/Silverton Standard & the Miner  
Flowers have been placed on the graves of Carlos and Eralinda Archuleta.  
Vandalism of the gravesite was discovered on Memorial Day.



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# No excuse for Warp Speed

By Mark Esper

Like everyone else in town I was shocked to learn of the vandalism discovered last week at Hillside Cemetery.

It's so entirely out of place for Silverton.

But I have been heartened by the efforts of some to organize a response this Sunday, with a morning walk to the cemetery and to the Archuleta family plot, which was targeted in the incident.

The walk begins at the Gilbert Archuleta Fire Station at 8:30 a.m.

Editor's Opinion

this Sunday, June 7.

WORK HAS REALLY gotten under way for the Silverton Northern Interpretive Center at the Powerhouse, and grading for maybe 300 feet of trail may be completed by this time next week.

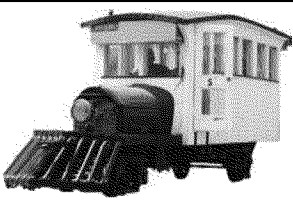
That still leaves a lot of work to do. Ties and rail need to be placed, as well as ballast material. But the project is at last becoming more than just a theory.

READERS OF OUR POPU-  
LAR San Juan County Sheriff's  
Office blotter have probably no-  
ticed a change in style with our  
new sheriff, Bruce Conrad.

A couple of months ago he reported giving a "butt chewing" to someone violating traffic laws. I was tempted to edit that out but it was too good to cut.

This week Sheriff Conrad re-  
ports that someone named James  
Kirk was ticketed for speeding.

Noting that Kirk may be from  
the Starship Enterprise, Conrad  
says that's no excuse for Warp  
Speed.



From the Standard  
mail Car

## \$100 added to reward to get grave vandals

Editor;  
As I think about what has happened to a grave site in our historic Silverton Cemetery, I am shocked! It is bad enough that radicals in foreign countries are desecrating World War II service-man's graves, but I assume some Silvertonians are doing so right now in our town.

All grave sites should be off limits to the whims of those who disagree with, especially a living family's faith or political opinions. I am adding \$100 to a recent reward for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons responsible for the Memorial Day weekend desecration of a Silverton family's burial plot.

— Steve Pendleton, Silverton

## A worthwhile walk

Editor;  
What a great idea, Sharon Publicover Lantz. A walk to the cemetery to show support for the Archuleta family starting from the Gilbert Archuleta Firehouse Sunday, June, 7 at 8:30 a.m.

To the the person who vandal-  
ized the grave site:

Damaging the grave site was the most stupid, juvenile and infantile act a person could commit! I am lead to believe you are either around 10 years old or that is your IQ. Since I don't think that anyone around age 10 would know who Carlos and Erma were, I've come to the conclusion that you are a men-  
tally deficient adult who is also a coward.

What is your problem? What has anyone in the Archuleta family done to you? Are you jealous of the recognition Gilbert received by the firemen naming the new building after him? He most certainly deserved it. Does it gall you that Mr. Al Harper hired him to oversee the reno-  
vations of the Grand Imperial Hotel? Smart man. The city's loss of a bright, conscientious, hard working employee is certainly Mr. Harper's gain.

Sue Sanders



# Another storm headed in

By Freddie Canfield

First off the present into near future weath-  
er-wise, with some potentially serious backcoun-  
try considerations.

Tropical Storm Andres and Hurricane Blanca  
are off Baja and likely spinning lots of moisture  
our way from Friday into next week.

Another storm is soaking the Pacific Northwest  
and heading our way. We have received five  
inches of water in Silverton during May, and,  
up high, over 3 feet of new snow. Avalanches  
are already roaring with regularity. Cornices are  
breaking off in multi-ton chunks. The San Juans  
are already super saturated. Mud and rockslide  
and road washout potential is on.

Heavy sustained rains with localized thunder-  
storms will add to the challenge. Flash flooding  
can easily create enough force for wall-of-water  
washouts.

What might appear to be fordable might just  
possibly take any vehicle tumbling downstream  
toward Lake Powell.

Perfect storm on top of white lead — use your  
head.

Backcountry above timberline scouting has  
your correspondent doubting. We have a very  
real sword of Damacles you can't eat the scenery,  
but the scenery can eat you, in lots of potential  
lethal ways — situation developing. Stand fore  
warned.

How unlikely it seems to be writing this after  
seven ever-warming mostly clear skied beautiful  
days.

This last five of May plus two of June have  
been an absolute delight. The final three were the  
warmest of the year in a row.

Days have over 12.75 hours of solar poten-  
tial. Whoosh. Snow melts and the Animas rises  
rapidly. Waterfalls' magnificent white water roar

## Weather and Observations

Date	High	Low	Precip., conditions
May 27	60	31	Clear mix
May 28	61	30	Ground fog
May 29	61	28	Beautiful Day!
May 30	65	28	Beautiful Day!
May 31	67	32	Clear mix
June 1	67	30	Near clear
June 2	70	29	Beautiful Day
Season total snow: 152.6 inches			

penetrates our ears. Blissed out. Kayakers wander  
like approaching strange apparitions float into  
Silverton. Life is a dream. Shaboom.

We all live the dream. Freddie even dreamed  
he heard rain falling at 5:30 a.m. on June 1  
and woke up to .01 in the can measurable at 7  
a.m. when the weather month of May officially  
ended. Instead of 4.99 inches we ended up with a  
nice round 5.00, Life is a dream. Shaboom.

In town Icelandic poppies are popping out.  
Wildflowers are ever increasing in profusional  
variety.

Aspen leafed out in the last of May.  
Grouse — blue or ducky are prolific. Snow  
shoe hare and white tail ptarmigan are no longer  
arctic white.

Moose appear next to the road and pose. What  
a week it was after 25 days of late winter.

We had 27 days of fog this May compared to  
four last days of May. Completely and perfectly  
inverse.

Life is beautiful.  
In the backcountry there is really only one  
rule — the Golden Rule. Decency and frontier  
honesty. Everyone looks out for each other. No  
one is special. So keep it real and let it be.

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# Back In Business



Greg and Pam Swanson reopened Adelaide's Antiques on Monday, June 1, more than four years after a fire at the neighboring Pride of the West restaurant and bar severely damaged the building. "It was a lot of work," said Pam Swanson. Greg Swanson noted the building now has a 20-kilowatt solar panel array on its roof.

## Tom Merson dies at age 79

Thomas J. Merson (Tom) passed away on April 15, 2015 following a stroke at age 79 while vacationing at a beach in Southern California.

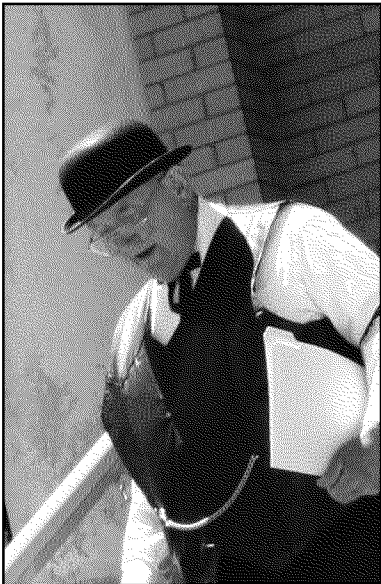
Tom was introduced to Silverton by a co-worker who was a railroad enthusiast, sometime between 1957 and 1960. He spent many years enjoying the San Juan Mountains and Weminuche Wilderness and the town of Silverton.

He and his wife bought a few mining claims and mill sites when they were available for back taxes in the early 1960s. As his family came along he graduated from tent camping to a cab-over camper on a pickup truck in the woods and at South Mineral campground.

Then the big move! He and his wife bought property in town, which they and their children and grandchildren and extended family and friends have since enjoyed greatly. He thought Silverton and its surroundings a beautiful, wonderful, historic place. He was a life member of the San Juan County Historical Society.

Tom was born in Chico, CA to Thomas B. and Dorothy M. Merson in 1935. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jean L. Merson, his daughter, Linda J. Calkins and her husband, Dan M. Calkins of Farmington, NM, his son, John A. Merson and wife Sheila Merson of Albuquerque, NM and grandchildren, Kathryn J. Merson, Thomas J. Merson and Cody R. Calkins, and his siblings, Richard Larry Merson and wife, Teri Wolcott of Davis, CA, Robert W. Merson and wife, Julia Merson of Lindreth, NM, James L. Merson of Palm Desert, CA and Elizabeth L. Merson of Salinas, CA and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tom attended Bakersfield College in Bakersfield, CA then transferred to the University of California, Berkeley where he earned a BS in Engineering Physics. In 1957 he accepted a position at ACF Industries in Albuquerque and worked there until 1963 when he accepted a



position at Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in Los Alamos, NM. He retired in 1991. He was a Registered Professional Engineer.

In 1960 Tom married his wife, Jean. They had met while both were students at Berkeley.

Outside of work, Tom enjoyed many activities. He was an avid hunter of elk, deer, antelope, jack rabbits, quail, dove, ducks and he bagged an oryx at White Sands. He loved the woods and mountains. He hiked and camped and was a rock hound. He liked to travel. He enjoyed gathering and cutting (and burning) fire wood, and gardening, and spending time in Silverton. He loved music.

Tom was a Scoutmaster and a Little League Coach. He attended track and cross country meets and many rodeos and gymkhanas and Queen's Court events and provided transportation support to the girls and their horses. He served on the Los Alamos Credit Union Advisory Committee and Board of Directors as a volunteer. He drove patients to medical appointments for HELP, and was a member of the Los Alamos Sportmen's Club and the Los Alamos Geological Society and held offices in both.

Tom lived his life to the fullest and was able to do most of his "bucket list" items. He was a good husband and son and father and brother and grand-

father and neighbor and friend. He was a good man and will be missed by many.

A celebration of his life will be held on June 19 at 1:30 in Graves Hall of the United Church in Los Alamos, NM. The family requests that in lieu of flowers a contribution be made to the San Juan County Historical Society, The University of New Mexico Foundation, or to a charity of your choice.

### CEMETERY, from Page 1

know that this community stands with you in the face of this cowardly disrespect."

Susan Catt of Silverton said she's helping, too.

"I am asking some of my friends to come along or help out recruiting people," Catt said. "We plan on 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 7, gathering at the Gilbert Archuleta Fire Station, to walk up to the grave site and offer our hearts and thoughts and walk back. This is an opportunity to show community support to help heal stricken hearts."

Meanwhile the Archuleta family and others have offered a total of at least \$1,600 in reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

Archuleta said he appreciated the community response to the incident.

"I feel it's great," said Gilbert Archuleta. "It shows that there are a lot of people out there that realize this crossed a line."

"Our family is touched knowing that there are a lot of good people out there, too," Archuleta said. "It means a great deal to us."

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# Mountain Happenings

## June 6-8

• **Death Ride Tour for Life** bike tour of San Juan Skyway, starts and ends in Silverton. [www.deathridetour.com](http://www.deathridetour.com)

## Monday, June 8

• **Silverton Town Council**, 7:309 p.m., Town Hall.

## Wednesday, June 10

• **San Juan County Board of Commissioners**, 8:30 a.m., County Courthouse.

## Friday, June 19

• **Night at the Museum and Book Authors Signing**, 5:30-8 p.mn., San Juan County Historical Society Museum.

## Saturday, June 20

• **Hillside Cemetery Work Day**, 10 a.m.-noon.

## Saturday, June 27

• **Antique Truck Show**, Blair Street.  
• **A Taste of Silverton**, 5-8 p.m., Blair Street.

## Ongoing

• **Belly Dance at Silverton Soulworks**: Tuesdays, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Belly Dance 2 (w/ instructor approval); 6:30-7:30 p.m., Belly Dance Flow / Drills (alternating weeks, all levels)Wednesdays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Zumba; Thursdays, 5:15-6:15 p.m., Zumba. All

are at Silverton Soulworks and prices are \$12 drop in or \$10 with a Caldera 10 Punch Pass.

• **Salsa classes** Wednesday nights, 6:30 p.m., at Soulworks. For more information, contact Noah Chutz at [nchutz@gmail.com](mailto:nchutz@gmail.com).

• **Silverton Threads Quilting Club**, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Kendall Mountain Community Center. All interested in quilting, crochet, knitting, and crafts are invited.

• **San Juan County Historical Society Archive** — Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Blair Street Historic District Association**, 5 p.m., first Wednesday of each month, Empire Street Bunkhouse.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets in Silverton every Wednesday at 7 p.m. For locations, questions or help, call (888) 333-9649.

## Spiritual Events

• **Church of Christ**, Sundays: Bible class, 8 a.m.; service, 9 a.m.; and Sunday Bible discussion, 5 p.m., (970) 946-7648.

• **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Father Nat Foshage, Mass, 5 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays, 1005 Reese St., 325-4373.

• **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, Spike Bond, president, Sunday services: 9 a.m. priesthood, 10 a.m.; sacrament, 11 a.m. Sunday school, 727 Greene St., 387-5338.

• **First Congregational Church** of Silverton, Sue Kurtz, moderator. Sunday service 9 a.m. All are welcome. 1070 Reese St. (970) 387-5759. e-mail: [silvertonu@aol.com](mailto:silvertonu@aol.com) Website: [silvertonchurch.org](http://silvertonchurch.org).

• **Silverton Church on the Hill**, 11th and Snowden, Pastor Mark Lawson, (970) 387-5215. Sunday KSJC (92.5 FM) 8-10 a.m., Christian music, devotional and sermon; Bible study, 9 a.m.; Children's Sunday School at 10:15; 10:15 a.m. regular service; Wednesday night prayer/fellowship, 7 p.m.

• **Word of Life Fellowship**, Pastor Jim Greenfield, Sunday service starts at 9 a.m., 1706 Empire St. 387-5893.

## What's Happening?

Got somethin' goin' on? Contact the Standard. Phone 387-5477, e-mail [editor@silvertonstandard.com](mailto:editor@silvertonstandard.com).

# In Brief

## Night at Museum, book signings Friday, June 19

Join us for our annual Night at the Museum and see the new exhibits at the Museum this year on Friday, June 19 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The Book Author's Signing last year was a huge hit, so we have decided to do it again. Authors attending will be: Scott Fetchenhier: "Ghosts & Gold", Beth Green: "Seasons of the Narrow Gauge" & "Ghost Tracks" and for the Durango Herald Small Press, the "San Juan Sampler", Al Harper of American Heritage Media (he has written three railroad-related children's books), Bev Rich and Casey Carroll: "Walking Silverton", Erica Kinias: "Walking Telluride", Peggy Winkworth: "Walking Durango", Duane Smith has written numerous area history books, including "Seasons of the Narrow Gauge" (some of his books are published by Western Reflections, others by Durango Herald Small Press), Esther Greenfield: "Tough Men in Hard Places", Ruth Lambert: "The Wooden Canvas, Arboriglyphs as Reflections of Hispano

Life along the Pine-Piedra Stock Driveway" (San Juan Mountains Association), and P. David Smith of Western Reflections Publishing: "The San Juan Mountains of Southwestern Colorado", "The Road that Silver Built", "Ouray: Chief of the Utes", "Chipeta: Queen of the Utes", and "Mountains of Silver", Mark Esper: "Gladstone Kibosh", and John Wright: "Blazing Ice".

Bring your own book or purchase a book and have it signed by the author.

Admission is free. Donations accepted! Refreshments served.

## Antique trucks, cars to roll again on Blair

The Third Annual Blair Street Antique Truck and Car Show & Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, June 27.

French toast and sausage breakfast will be served from 8:30-10 a.m. (Only 80 tickets, \$10 each).

Antique vehicles will be displayed from 8 a.m. to ... whenever, and the Vintage Vehicle Parade is at 10:30 a.m.

This is a fundraiser for the Blair Street Historic District Association (Co-sponsored by the San Juan County Historical Society) and a way for Antique Vehicle Owners to show off their trucks, cars, tractors and MORE!

## For the Record

### San Juan County Sheriff's Office blotter

**May 25** — Issued Lisa Stockebrand, of Silverton, a summons for her "involvement" in a rollover accident. Issued a verbal warning for parking at 12th and Blair. Issued six verbal warnings for speeding on U.S. 550; our new Deputy is practicing traffic stops. Downtown foot patrol. Received a report of vandalism at Hillside Cemetery. Provided an escort for our Veterans in a Memorial Day parade.

**May 26** — VIN certification. Issued two verbal warnings for speeding. Ambulance assist. Foot patrol in business district. Continued work on Sheriffs Sale.

**May 27** — Investigated an open door at a building in Gladstone. Two VIN inspections. Issued a verbal warning for speeding in town. Investigated an accident on U.S. 550 at MP 51.5. General office cleaning. Followed up with an abandoned mobile home issue. Attended a Board of County Commissioners meeting to discuss the Alpine Ranger program. Issued a verbal warning for speeding on Greene Street. Assisted two separate motorist who were scared of the highway. Assisted Animas Towing with a party on Lime Creek Road.

**May 28** — Assisted a stranded motorist on County Road 110. Attempted to find the vehicle of a suspicious person; unable to locate. Met with a representative of the Governor's office and local department heads regarding new communication technologies. Issued a parking ticket for parking in a crosswalk. Issued a verbal warning for speeding on Greene Street.

**May 29** — Issued Ronald Eichhoff of Florida a citation for speeding. Issued four verbal warnings for speeding on U.S. 550. Fingerprinted a citizen. Issued Mary Daily of Frisco, Texas, a citation for speeding on Greene Street. Issued one verbal warning for speeding in town, and two for speeding on the

highway. Responded to a late-night report of a dog constantly barking at a tent camper.

**May 30** — Returned the howling dog from last night to its owner with a verbal warning for dog at large, and no dog tags. Issued a ticket for parking a large RV in the downtown diagonal only parking area. Issued a verbal warning for disregarding a stop sign. Left a written warning on a campsite where tire tracks indicated the campers where driving where prohibited. Removed the remains of an old slow beaver from U.S. 550. Issued a verbal warning for speeding on Greene Street. Attended a fire department training. Issued Daniel Alonzo Rocha a summons for disregarding a stop sign, speeding, following too closely, and driving without a driver's license. Assisted a woman who decided traveling with her husband was no longer a better option than walking off Red Mountain Pass, with getting a meal and transportation to an airport. Investigated the crime of traveling off road where prohibited on federal land by a Dan McGrew of Denver, to be turned over to a USFS officer.

**May 31** — Issued a verbal warning for speeding in town. Issued five verbal warnings for off-highway vehicles where prohibited. Downtown foot patrol. Responded to an unfounded complaint of a drone harassing a business. Issued a verbal warning to a bus unloading passengers in a lane of traffic. Ambulance assist. Issued a written warning to a vehicle parking in an alley. Issued a penalty assessment to James Kirk of the Starship Enterprise; 52 in a 30-mph zone. Received a found backpack and personal items.

\*This Sunday, June 7, at 9 a.m., some folks trying to be part of the solution, not the problem, will be walking up to the cemetery and adorning the recently vandalized Archuleta family plot with flowers. THAT'S COMMUNITY!

# REWARD

In addition to the \$500 reward offered by Gilbert Archuleta for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandal or vandals that desecrated the graves of the Archuleta family in Silverton Hillside Cemetery, I will add an additional \$1,000.

# \$1,500 Reward

Please provide any information to:  
Bil Alsup, P.O. Box 363, Silverton, CO  
(970) 331-1190  
Or contact the San Juan County Sheriff's Office



# QuadriCycle Built for Two



Tommy Wipf of Silverton rides his quadricycle up Blair Street.

Jerry Lyle/Silverton Standard & the Miner

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Hillside Cemetery volunteer work day will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 20.

This is an opportunity to help the Town of Silverton maintain, restore, and preserve its heritage. Participants should bring limb loppers, hand held clippers, and shovels. After the work session, anecdotes of early pioneers for the 15 tombstones placed that day in the cemetery, will be shared. Bring a sack lunch and a lawn chair.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, send to:  
Hillside Cemetery Fund, San Juan  
County Historical Society, P.O.  
Box 154, Silverton, CO 81433.

Additional information contact: Mary Beaber 387-5360, Bev Rich 387-5781 or [silvertonhill-sidecemetery@gmail.com](mailto:silvertonhill-sidecemetery@gmail.com)

## Early childhood discussion June 9

San Juan County Early Childhood Stakeholders Discussion is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, at the Silverton Public School Performing Arts Center from 3-5 p.m.

The meeting is for those who are interested in gaining an awareness of the work of the Early Childhood Council of La Plata County (ECCLPC) in relation to building and supporting local early childhood system infrastructures.

- Gain a deeper understanding of how the ECCLPC goals incorporate early childhood systems building to positively impact young children and families.

- Discuss the expectations, opportunities and concerns related to the potential inclusion of San Juan County into the ECCLPC.

# Illicit trade of tobacco needs to be stopped

The illicit trade of tobacco products poses major health, economic and security concerns around the world. It is estimated that one in every 10 cigarettes and tobacco products consumed globally are illicit. The illicit market is supported by various players, ranging from petty peddlers to organized criminal networks involved in arms and human trafficking.

Eliminating illicit trade in tobacco will reduce the harmful consumption of tobacco by restricting availability of cheap, unregulated alternatives and increasing overall tobacco prices. Critically, this will reduce premature deaths from tobacco use and raise tax revenue for governments. Stopping illicit trade in tobacco products is a health priority, and it is achievable. But to do so requires improvement of national and sub-national tax administration systems and international collaboration, such as ratification and implementation of the Protocol to Eliminate the Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, an international treaty in its own right, negotiated by parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC).

While publicly stating its support for action against the illicit trade, the tobacco industry's behind-the-scenes behavior has been very different. Internal industry documents released as a result of court cases demonstrate that the tobacco industry has actively fostered the illicit trade globally. It also works to block implementation of tobacco control measures, like tax increases and pictorial health warnings, by misleadingly arguing they will fuel the illicit trade.

## Second-hand smoke kills

Second-hand smoke is the smoke that fills restaurants, offices or other enclosed spaces when people burn tobacco products such as cigarettes, bidis and water pipes. There are more than 4000 chemicals in tobacco smoke, of which at least 250 are known to be harmful and more than 50 are known to cause cancer.

There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke.

In adults, second-hand smoke causes serious cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, including coronary heart disease and lung cancer. In infants, it causes sudden death. In pregnant women, it causes low birth weight.

Almost half of children regularly breathe air polluted by tobacco smoke in public places.

Over 40% of children have at least one smoking parent.

Second-hand smoke causes more than 600 000 premature deaths per year.

In 2004, children accounted for 28% of the deaths attributable to second-hand smoke.

Every person should be able to breathe the tobacco-smoke-free air. Smoke-free laws protect the health of non-smokers, are popular, do not harm business and encourage smokers to quit.

Over 1 billion people, or 16% of the world's population, are protected by comprehensive national smoke-free laws.

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# Silverton Northern project takes shape

**Interpretive center being developed for historic rail line**

Earthwork was begun last weekend on the Silverton Northern Railroad Interpretive Center at the Powerhouse Industrial Park, a mile northeast of Silverton.

The San Juan County Historical Society project involves placing a few hundred feet of track on land owned by the nonprofit organization. A couple of rail cars could then be placed on it as a display.

Fritz Klinke, chairman of the Silverton Northern project, still envisions rebuilding a longer stretch of the railroad, perhaps as far as Howardsville.

The historical society has obtained a 99-year lease on County Road 22, which traces the original railroad right-of-way, for the purposes of reconstructing the line.

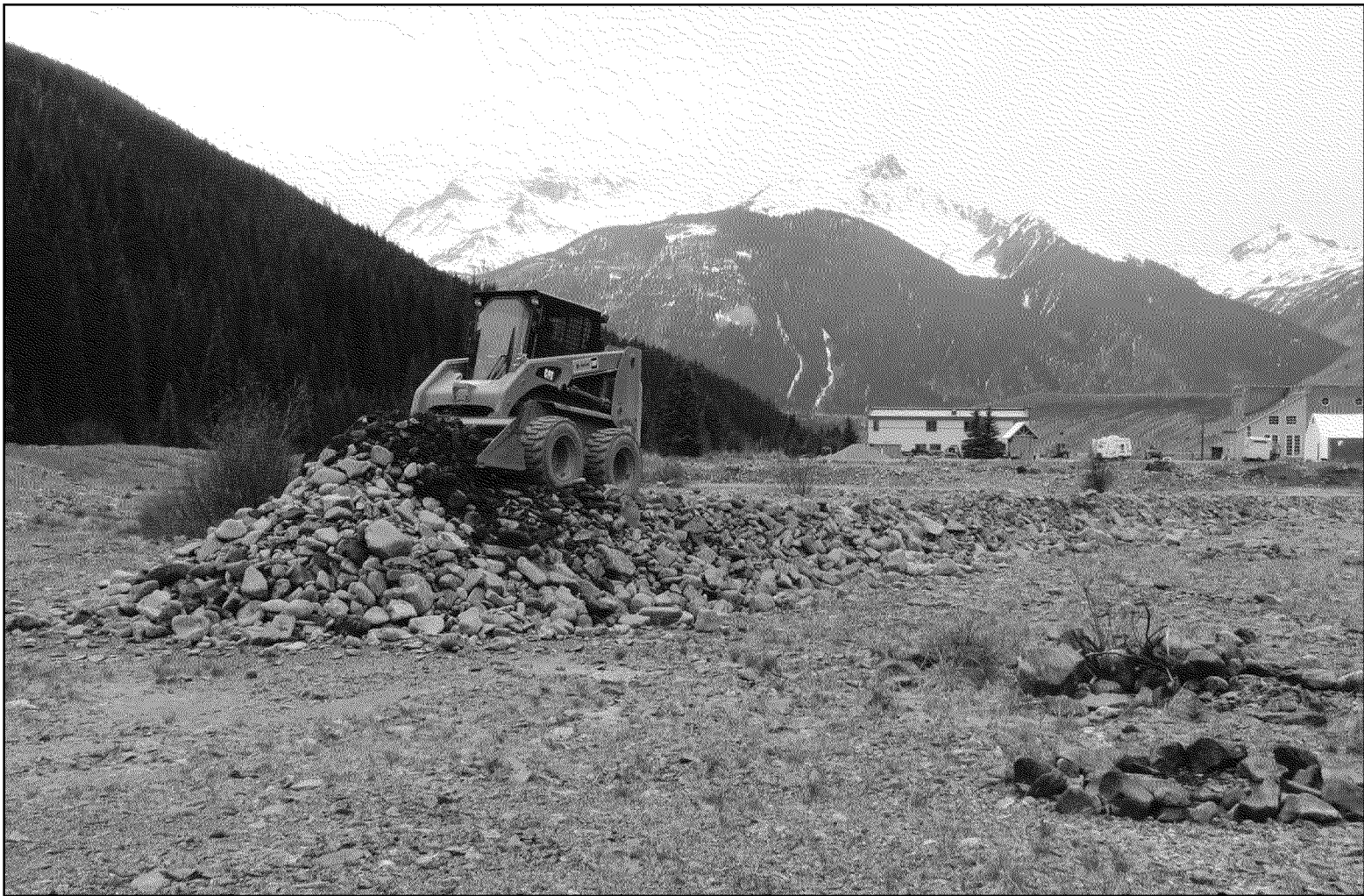
Klinke sees it as an economic development project to address what he sees as a decline in the town's tourism business.

But for now Klinke is satisfied to see the railroad grade taking shape for the interpretive center.

"It's sort of a 'mission accomplished' moment," Klinke said. "It's good to see some dirt being

"It's sort of a 'mission accomplished' moment. It's good to see some dirt being moved down there."

**Fritz Klinke**



Earth work is nearing completion on the Silverton Northern Interpretive Center, a mile northeast of Silverton next to the Powerhouse industrial park. Grading has been done to lay about 300 feet of track in a nod to the historic line that once ran from Silverton to Animas Forks.

moved down there."

The Silverton Northern Railroad was incorporated in 1895. The stretch from Silverton to Eureka opened in 1896. It was extended to Animas Forks in 1904 for a total distance of 12.5 miles. A small branch line was built to serve mines up Cunningham Gulch in 1905. The railroad quit functioning

in 1942, when the U.S. Army "drafted" three SN locomotives to serve on the White Pass & Yukon Railroad in Alaska and Canada's Yukon Territory during World War II.

**Interested?**

The historical society is seeking donations to help fund project. More information can be found at: [www.silvertonnorthern.com](http://www.silvertonnorthern.com)

**LIFE ON THE LINE**

**SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION**

**76th Annual Meeting of Members**  
Members who attend will receive a \$10 bill credit and be entered for a chance to win a flat screen TV.

**June 11, 2015**  
Member registration begins at 4:30 p.m.  
Business meeting begins at 5:30  
**SMPA Ridgway Office**  
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Free burgers and hot dogs will be served.

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An ad for a lost dog was placed last week, and on Monday, the owner reported the dog had returned of its own accord! Call 387-5477 to place an ad. E-mail [editor@silvertonstandard.com](mailto:editor@silvertonstandard.com)

**County Clerk's Office to be closed June 8-10**

The San Juan County Clerk's Office will be closed June 8-10 for training.

**Correction**

Mercy Medical Center paid \$5,000 and Iron Horse Bicycle Classic paid \$2,100 for train tickets tickets and IHBC paid for all of the lunches for the Wounded Warriors visiting Silverton on May 23.

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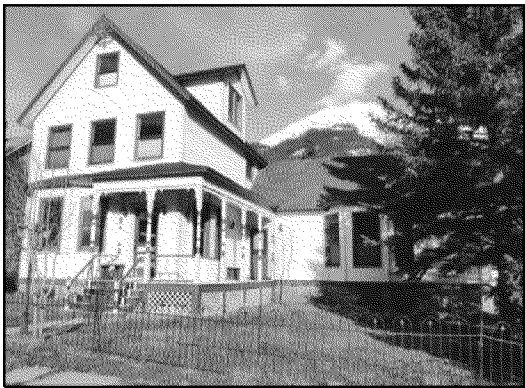
The old Silverton Northern Caboose #1005 was moved from the Silverton Northern Engine House to the lot at 11th and Greene streets on Saturday, May 30, where it will serve as an attraction for visitors. The caboose, built at a cost of \$450 in 1880, served on various narrow-gauge lines in Colorado over the years. It was restored over the last couple of years at a cost of \$80,000. The caboose for many years sat at what is now Columbine Park on Blair Street, serving as a visitors center. Tommy Wipf, owner of the lot said "it will look like a really cool park when I'm done with it."

ABOVE: The caboose is loaded on to a McKnight Towing truck as (from left) Jerry Hoffer, Kevin Baldwin and Fritz Klinke observe.

CENTER: The caboose is unloaded as Zeke Zaroni, right, watches.

BOTTOM: Zeke Zaroni seems satisfied that the caboose was properly moved.

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We are pleased to present to you this year's Silverton water quality report! Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of quality drinking water.

**General Information**  
All drinking water may reasonably be expected to contain small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or by visiting <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants>.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

Sources of drinking water include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants: viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants: salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides: may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants: can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants: including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

**Lead in Drinking Water**  
Elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. Additional information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or EPA's website.

**Source Water Assessment and Protection (SWAP)**  
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has provided us with a Source Water Assessment Report for our water supply. For general information or to obtain a copy of the report please visit <http://wqcdcompliance.com/ccr>. The report is located under "Source Water Assessment Reports", and then "Assessment Report by County". Select SAN JUAN County and find 156600; TOWN OF SILVERTON. The SWAP Report provides a screening-level evaluation of potential contamination that could occur. It does not mean that the contamination has or will occur. We can use this information to evaluate the need to improve our current water treatment capabilities and prepare for future contamination threats. In addition, the source water assessment results provide a starting point for developing a source water protection plan.

Please contact **CHRISTINE TOOKEY at (970) 387-5522** to learn more about what you can do to help protect your drinking water sources, with questions about the Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report, or to learn more about our system. We want you, our valued customers, to be informed about the services we provide and the quality water we deliver to you every day!

- Terms and Abbreviations**
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
  - Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
  - Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
  - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
  - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
  - Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
  - Violation – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
  - Formal Enforcement Action– Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
  - Variance and Exemptions (V/E) – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
  - Gross Alpha– Gross alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon-222, and uranium.
  - Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) – Measure of the radioactivity in water.
  - Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
  - Compliance Value– Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90th Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
  - Average (x-bar) – Typical value.
  - Range (R) – Lowest value to the highest value.
  - Sample Size (n) – Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
  - Parts per million = Milligrams per liter (ppm = mg/L) – One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
  - Parts per billion = Micrograms

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Our Water Sources

Source	Source Type	Water Type	Potential Sources of Contamination
GALVIN CREEK	Creek	Surface Water	Existing/abandoned mines, row crops, pasture/hay, mixed, deciduous, and evergreen forests
BOULDER CREEK BLENDED	Creek	Surface Water	Existing/abandoned mines, row crops, pasture/hay, mixed, deciduous, and evergreen forests
BEAR CREEK BLENDED	Creek	Surface Water	Existing/abandoned mines, row crops, pasture/hay, mixed, deciduous, and evergreen forests

Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System								
Contaminant Name	Time Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	07/18/2012	0.04	5	ppm	1.3		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead	07/18/2012	2	5	ppb	15		No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System										
Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Highest Compliance Value	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2014	21.1	21.1	1	ppb	60	N/A	21.1	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2014	12.2	12.2	1	ppb	80	N/A	12.2	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Total Organic Carbon (Disinfection Byproducts Precursor) Removal Ratio of Raw and Finished Water								
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	TT Minimum Ratio	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Total Organic Carbon Ratio	2014	1.52	1 - 2.86	4	Ratio	1.00	No	Naturally present in the environment

Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System					
Contaminant Name	Sample Date	Level Found	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Date/Month: 11/17/14	Highest single measurement: 0.3 NTU	Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity	Month: N/A	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100 %	In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU	No	Soil Runoff

Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Barium	2014	0.02	0.02	1	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	2014	2.5	2.5	1	ppb	100	100	No	Discharge from mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	2014	0.31	0.31	1	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	2014	0.18	0.18	1	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits



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per liter (ppb = ug/L) – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.  
• Not Applicable (N/A) – Does not apply or not available.

**Detected Contaminants**  
The Town of Silverton routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following tables show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2014 unless otherwise noted. The State of Colorado requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old.

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Violations, Significant Deficiencies, and Formal Enforcement Actions

Violations					
Name	Category	Time Period	Health Effects	Compliance Value	TT Level or MCL
DBP STAGE 1	QUALIFIED OPERATOR FAILURE - TREATMENT TECHNIQUE	09/17/2014 - 10/06/2014	N/A	N/A	N/A
CHLORINE	MONITORING, RTN/RPT MINOR (SWTR-FILTER) - MONITORING & REPORTING	September 17, 2014	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additional Violation Information					
<b>Note:</b> Explanation of the violations and the steps taken to resolve them:  <b>Qualified Operator:</b> The Town of Silverton experienced the turnover of a career water operator on September 17, 2014. Daily plant operations and responsibilities were assumed by experienced town personnel, but without the proper certifications required by the CDPH&E. Since October 2014, Town facilities have been under the direct supervision of appropriately certified water operator.  <b>Chlorine Monitoring:</b> Town personnel failed to measure and report a residual chlorine reading on September 17, 2014, although chlorine was being properly dosed for appropriate disinfection. Routine measurements continued on September 18, 2014 and have been properly recorded since that time.					

Clinic open every Thursday in June


The Silverton Clinic at Miners Union Hospital is open today (June 4) and every Thursday in June and on July 2.

Appointments are available from 8:30 to 4 p.m. Prescriptions can be written and prescriptions refills can be also be prescribed. Wellness checks of all kinds can be performed as well as blood draws.

To make an appointment call 387-5114. Please consider giving a donation to the clinic for supplies and lab work for people who cannot afford it.

All primary care needs can be met at the clinic.

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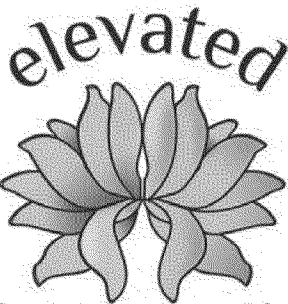
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PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the members of the general public that the San Juan Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at the San Juan County Courthouse at 1557 Greene Street, on June 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM to receive public comment on the proposed amendments to San Juan County Ordinance 2008 – 01 as hereby published.

NOTICE is further given that all persons may appear and present oral & written testimony regarding this project prior to or at public hearing. Interested persons may visit the Office of the San Juan County Administrator located at 1557 Greene St. Silverton, CO 81433 (or call 970-387-5766) during regular business hours to review the proposed ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2015 - 1

AN ORDINANCE OF SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO AMENDING ORDINANCE 2008-1 WHICH ADOPTED VARIOUS CODES REGULATING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, MOVING, REMOVAL, DEMOLITION, CONVERSION, OCCUPANCY, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN SAN JUAN COUNTY

Whereas the Board of County Commissioners of San Juan

County, Colorado previously adopted Ordinance 2008-1 regulating construction and building within San Juan County; and

Whereas fire protection and fire fighting services are provided by two distinct entities within San Juan County, the Silverton – San Juan Volunteer Fire Department and the Durango Fire Protection District (and its predecessors the Durango Fire Authority and the Hermosa Cliffs Fire Protection District); and

Whereas, despite the intention of the Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County in adopting Ordinance 2008-1 that each entity providing fire protection and fire fighting services within San Juan County would have jurisdiction and authority to enforce the provisions of the County Fire Code within its own service territory, some uncertainty may exist with regard to such authority which uncertainty the Board hereby wishes to eliminate; and

Whereas the Board of County Commissioner has determined that certain revisions and clarifications need to be made regarding the enforcement of the County fire code adopted pursuant to said Ordinance in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the public within San Juan County;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAN

JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO as follows:

1. Section 9 of Ordinance 2008-1, which modified the enforcement provisions contained in Section 103.1 of the International Fire Code as adopted by San Juan County, is modified to read as follows:

A. Section 103, Department of Fire Prevention, shall read as follows:

Section 103.1 General. San Juan County shall utilize the services of the Silverton - San Juan Volunteer Fire Department and of the Durango Fire Protection District, each within its respective service territory, as the County Bureau of Fire Prevention. The Chief of the Silverton – San Juan Volunteer Fire Department and the Chief of the Durango Fire Protection District, together with such other individuals as either may designate or may previously have designated in writing, are hereby appointed to serve as County fire code officials with full authority to make all inspections pursuant to, to enforce the provisions of, and otherwise to exercise any rights, powers or authority granted by, the County Fire Code. Such authority is hereby granted to each such individual within the respective service territory of the fire department, district or authority he or she serves and within such other territory within which said officials is or has been authorized to act

by any intergovernmental or other agreement between either of the respective fire departments, districts or authorities and any other entity or by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County.

2. Any or all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances or resolutions of San Juan County, in conflict or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, provided, however, that the repeal of an Ordinance or parts of Ordinances of the San Juan County shall not revive any section of an Ordinance or Ordinances heretofore repealed or superseded.

3 Whenever the provisions of this Ordinance or of the codes adopted pursuant hereto shall conflict with the provisions of any other San Juan County code, standard, resolution or regulation, the provisions hereof shall apply.

4. After adoption by the Board of County Commissioners, the full text of this Ordinance shall be published one time in the Silverton Standard newspaper prior to becoming effective. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty days after such publication or on July 15, 2015, whichever occurs later.

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NOTICE

The San Juan County Tourism Fund Board is requesting proposals from agencies or entities interested in contracting with the Board for the advertising and marketing of tourism for Silverton and San Juan County. It is anticipated that the total expenditures for the advertising and marketing of tourism shall not exceed \$50,000.00 for the 2015-2016 budget year. Proposals should be submitted to the San Juan County Administrator located at 1557 Greene Street or may be mailed to PO Box 466, Silverton, CO 81433 or emailed to sanjuancounty@frontier.net. All proposals must be received by 4:00 P.M. Friday, June 19, 2015. For further information contact the County Administrator at 970-387-5766.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION, INC.

The 76th Annual Meeting of the Members of San Miguel Power Association, Inc., will be held at the San Miguel Power Association Ridgway office (720 North Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado) on the 11th day of June 2015. Registration will be open from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the business meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. This meeting is being held for the following purposes:

1. The election of a director to the Board of Directors for District No. 2: Town of Telluride from Townsend Avenue, east of S. Tomboy & N. Townsend Sts, N. to Tomboy Rd and East to approximately .5 miles from Royer Lane

There was only one candidate for District 2, incumbent Robert Justis who is running unopposed and therefore deemed elected.

2. The reports of Officers, Directors and Committees.

3. Any other business that may properly come before the meeting, or any adjournment thereof.

Dated this 20th day of May, 2015

SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION, INC.  
David Alexander, Secretary/Treasurer

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<b>DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, COLORADO</b> 100 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, Colorado 80401	
<b>Plaintiff(s): SAN JUAN CORP., a Colorado corporation, SALEM MINERALS INC., a Colorado corporation, and TODD C. HENNIS, an individual,</b>	
<b>v.</b>	
<b>Defendant(s): COLORADO GOLDFIELDS, INC., a Nevada corporation.</b>	
<b>and</b>	
<b>Plaintiff(s): RECREATION PROPERTIES, LTD.</b>	
<b>v.</b>	
<b>Defendant(s): COLORADO GOLDFIELDS INC., a Nevada corporation, LEE R. RICE, an individual, STEPHEN GUYER, an individual, EPIC MINERAL RESOURCES, Inc., a Colorado corporation, and SHANNON P. MURPHY, an individual.</b>	
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<div>COURT USE ONLY</div> <div>CAPP Case Number: 13CV31502 (Consolidated)  Div. 5 Ctrm: 4 E</div>	
<b>NOTICE OF LEVY OR SEIZURE – PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): COLORADO GOLDFIELDS INC..

You are hereby notified that on March 11, 2015, a Writ of Execution and on April 9, 2015, a Writ of Assistance were issued out of the Jefferson County District Court directing the Sheriff of the County of San Juan, State of Colorado, to levy upon and seize certain property that you own.

Pursuant to, and under the authority of, said writs, certain personal property owned by you has been seized and levied upon on May \_\_, 2015 and is being held by the Sheriff of San Juan County, Colorado to pay the judgment in favor of San Juan Corporation, Salem Minerals, Inc. and Todd C. Hennis and against Colorado Goldfields, Inc. in the above-entitled action.

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The personal property which has been seized is described in said Writs and includes all personal property, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment located on the Property which is described on the attached Exhibit 1, a Rule 112-b Reclamation Permit, Permit No. M-84-049, which was issued by the Department of Natural Resources, Mine Land Reclamation Division and a General Stormwater Permit issued by the Colorado Department of Health, Permit No. COD-040144. (Collectively the ACGI Property).

You have legal rights that may prevent all or part of the property from being taken. That part of the property that may not be taken is called “exempt property.” A partial list of “exempt property” is shown below, along with the law which may make all or part of your property exempt. Notwithstanding your right to claim the property as “exempt”, no exemption other than the exemptions set forth in CRS 13-54-104(3) may be claimed for a writ which is the result of a judgment taken for arrearages for child support or for child support debt. The purpose of this Notice of Levy is to tell you about your rights.

If the property which is being held or taken includes any “exempt property”, within 14 days of receiving this Notice of Levy you must file a written claim of exemption with the Clerk of the Court describing what property you think is “exempt” and the reason that you believe it to be “exempt”.

You must act quickly to protect your rights. Remember, you have only 14 days after receiving this Notice of Levy to file your claim of exemption with the Clerk of the Court. Your failure to file a claim of exemption within 14 days is a waiver of your right to file.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Conrad, Sheriff, San Juan County, Colorado

PARTIAL LIST OF EXEMPT PROPERTY (Numbered statutory references are subject to change)

- All or part of your property listed in Sections 13-54-101 and 102, C.R.S., including clothing jewelry, books, burial sites, household goods, food and fuel, farm animals, seed, tools, equipment and implements, military allowances, stock-in-trade, certain items used in your occupation, bicycles, motor vehicles (greater for disabled persons), life insurance, income tax refunds, money received because of loss of property or for personal injury, equipment that you need because of your health, or money received because you were a victim of a crime.
- All or part of your earnings under Section 13-54-104, C.R.S.
- Workers’ compensation benefits under Section 8-42-124, C.R.S.
- Unemployment compensation benefits under Section 8-80-103, C.R.S.
- Group life insurance benefits under Section 10-7-205, C.R.S.
- Health insurance benefits under Section 10-16-212, C.R.S.
- Fraternal society benefits under Section 10-14-403, C.R.S.
- Family allowances under Section 15-11-404, C.R.S.
- Teachers’ retirement fund benefits under Section 22-64-120, C.R.S.
- Public employees’ retirement benefits (PERA) under Sections 24-51-212 and 24-54-111, C.R.S.
- Social security benefits (OASDI, SSI) under 42 U.S.C. §407.
- Railroad employee retirement benefits under 45 U.S.C. §23.
- Public assistance benefits (OAP, AFDC, TANF, AND, AB, LEAP) under Section 26-2-131, C.R.S.
- Policemen’s and firemen’s pension fund payments under Sections 31-30-117, 31-30-5-208 and 31-31-203, C.R.S.
- Utility and security deposits under Section 13-54-102(1)(r), C.R.S.
- Proceeds of the sale of homestead property under Section 38-41-207, C.R.S.
- Veteran’s Administration benefits under 38 U.S.C. §5301.
- Civil service benefits under 5 U.S.C. §8346.
- Mobile homes and trailers under Section 38-41-201.6, C.R.S.
- Certain retirement and pension funds and benefits under Section 13-54-102(2)(s), C.R.S.
- A Court-ordered child support and maintenance obligation or payment under Section 13-54-102(1)(u), C.R.S.
- Public or private disability benefits under Section 13-54-102(1)(v), C.R.S.

REMEMBER THAT THIS IS ONLY A PARTIAL LIST OF “EXEMPT PROPERTY”; you may wish to consult with a lawyer who can advise you of your rights. If you cannot afford one, there are listings of legal assistance and legal aid offices in the yellow pages of the telephone book.

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2:30 p.m.	Leave Silverton
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<b>COMBINED NOTICE OF SALE AND RIGHT TO CURE AND REDEEM</b>	
To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that, with regard to the Judgments listed below which were entered by the Jefferson County District Court in favor of San Juan Corporation, Salem Minerals, Inc. and Todd C. Hennis against Colorado Goldfields, Inc. and the Writ of Execution issued by said Court on March 11, 2015 and the Writ of Assistance issued by said Court on April 9, 2015, Sheriff Sale No. 2015 – 1 has been commenced in the office of the undersigned Sheriff relating to the following Judgments and the aforesaid Writ of Execution/Decree of Foreclosure:	
Original Judgment Debtor: Writ of Execution/Decree of Foreclosure dated: District Court Case Number:	Colorado Goldfields, Inc. March 11, 2015 2013CV31502
Original Holder of Judgment: Current Holder of Judgment: Original Judgment dated: County of Recording: Judgment recorded at Reception No.: Date Judgment recorded: Original Balance Due on Judgment: Principal Balance Due on Judgment:	Salem Minerals, Inc Salem Minerals, Inc. September 2, 2010 San Juan 147546 September 9, 2010 \$17,889.48 \$17,889.48
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Certificate of Levy Recorded May 8, 2015 at Reception No. 149996.

Pursuant to C.R.S. 38-38-101(4)(i), you are hereby notified that under the above-referenced Orders, Writs and Certificate of Levy, which are the subject evidence of debt, I am ordered to satisfy said judgments by the sale of certain real property described in the attached Exhibit 1 together with personal property as described in the Writs, all at a public sale. Pursuant to said Writs, I have levied upon said property, have placed Notice thereof in the records of the San Juan County Clerk and Recorder, Colorado, and have published Notice thereof, all as provided by law.

**THE LIEN FORECLOSED MAY NOT BE A FIRST LIEN.**

**THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS ALL THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED BY THE LIEN OR THE DECREE OF FORECLOSURE.**

1.

Real Property described in Exhibit 1 attached hereto;

2.

All Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment located on the Property, including, but not limited to, all property described in the Writs;

3.

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4.

A General Stormwater Permit issued by the Colorado Department of Health, Permit No. COD-040144.

(Collectively the ACGI Property@).

NOTICE OF SALE

THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that at public auction at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 1557 Greene Street, Silverton, Colorado 81433 I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the said real and personal property and all interest of the said Judgment Debtor, his/her/their heirs and assigns therein, for the purpose of paying the indebtedness, plus attorney fees, the expenses of sale, and other items allowed by law, and will deliver to the purchaser a Certificate of Purchase, all as provided by law.

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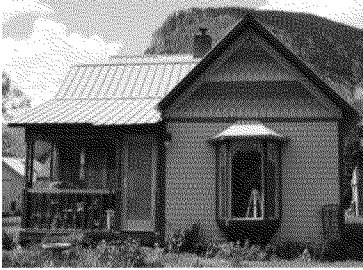
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### NOTICE OF RIGHTS

YOU MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY BEING FORECLOSED, OR HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS OR SUFFER CERTAIN LIABILITIES PURSUANT TO COLORADO STATUTES AS A RESULT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH SAID SALE. YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO REDEEM SAID REAL PROPERTY OR YOU MAY HAVE THE RIGHT TO CURE A DEFAULT. A COPY OF SAID STATUTES, AS SUCH STATUTES ARE PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, WHICH MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS, IS ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. HOWEVER, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE DETERMINED BY PREVIOUS STATUTES. For the purpose of paying off, curing default or redemption, intent must be directed to the Office of the Sheriff, Civil Office, 1557 Greene Street, Silverton, CO 81433.

**A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE FILED PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 38-38-104 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF AT LEAST FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED SALE DATE OR ANY DATE TO WHICH THE SALE IS CONTINUED. IF THE SALE DATE IS CONTINUED TO A LATER DATE, THE DEADLINE TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CURE, BY THOSE PARTIES ENTITLED TO CURE, MAY ALSO BE EXTENDED.**

**A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REDEEM FILED PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 38-38-302 SHALL BE FILED WITH THE SHERIFF NO LATER THAN EIGHT (8) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE SALE.**

Dated May 20, 2015.

Sheriff of San Juan, County, Colorado

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Bruce Conrad, Sheriff

Kenneth J. Buechler  
Buechler Law Office, L.L.C.  
1621 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 260  
Denver, CO 80202  
(720) 381-0045

**The Attorney listed above is acting as a debt collector and is attempting to collect a debt. Any information provided may be used for that purpose.**

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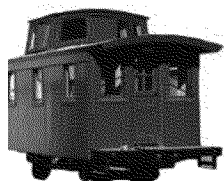
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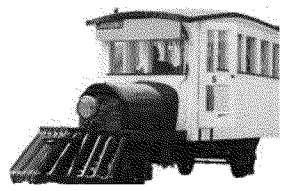
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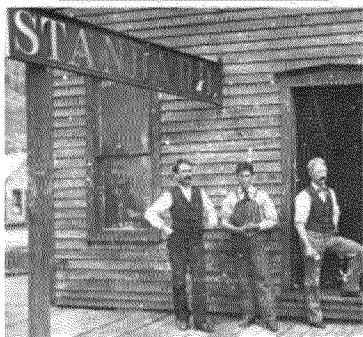
# Silverton Standard & CABOOSE



Thursday, June 4, 2015

"The Past is not dead. In fact, it's not even past." — William Faulkner

## WAY BACK!



### 125 years ago

From the June 7, 1890 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

#### MINER EDITOR FINED \$10 FOR FIGHTING.

On looking over the police docket, we regret to see that our esteemed contemporary, Alf. Iles. (editor of the *Miner*) was fined ten dollars and costs last Monday for fighting in the street. Is it possible he could have been in the three-cornered fight over the plow we mentioned last week, and is it possible that in mentioning the occurrence in his paper he named the other two parties and forgot for the moment that he was one of the crowd? But doubtless this week he will mention the fact that he was also arrested and fined.

### 120 years ago

From the June 8, 1895 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

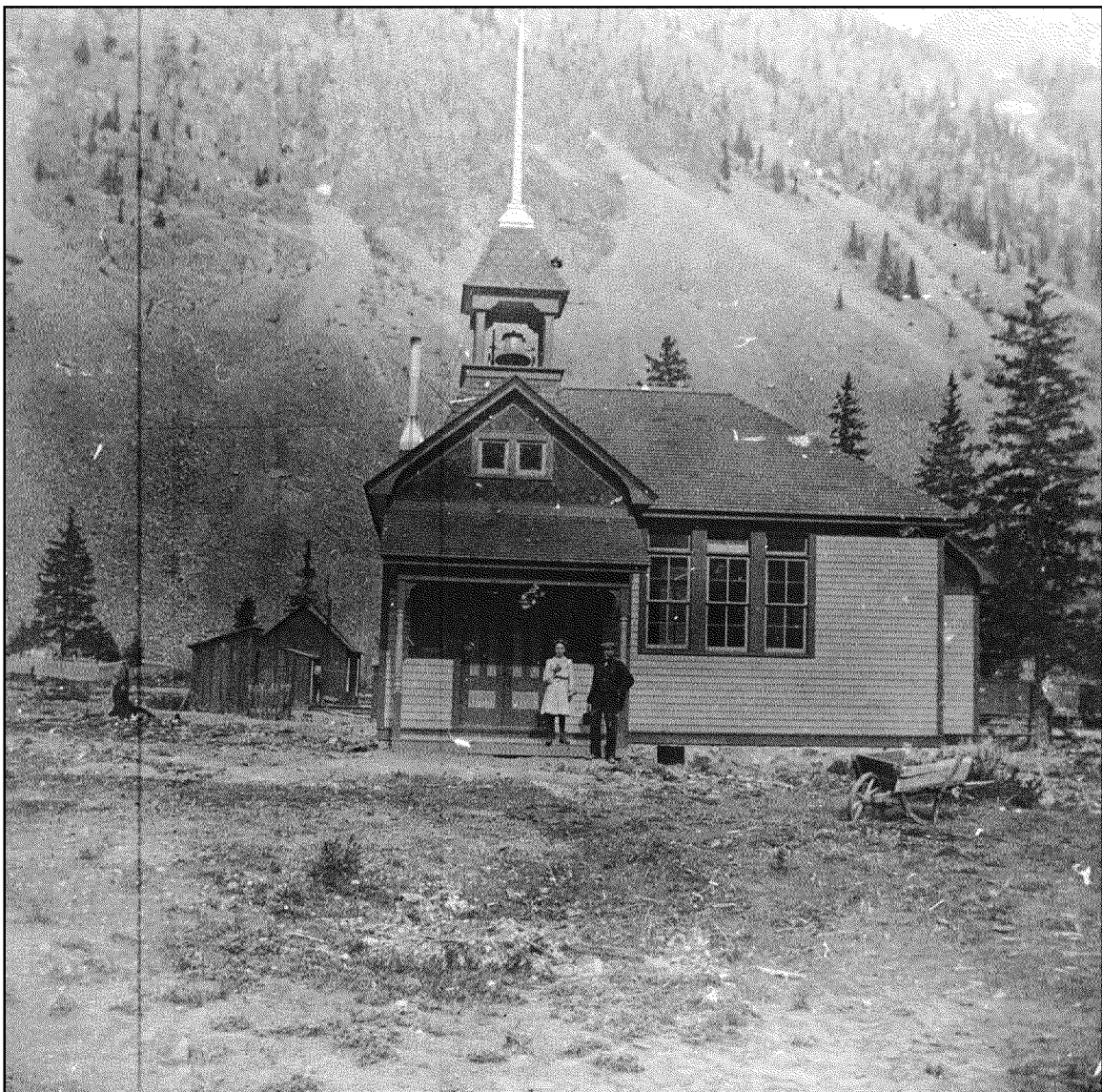
#### TRACK LAID.

The track of the Eureka branch is laid and cars running over it as far as the North Star bridge. It is expected that the road will be extended as far as Eureka this summer.

A gentleman from Denver will soon open a general store at Howardsville. We understand that he will carry a large and varied stock and it will be a great convenience to those living in that vicinity.

Wing Sing, the Celestial who lately suffered from a disastrous fire, has commenced the construction of a two-story building on top and side of the log cabin and in the rear of Kane's saloon. The lower part will be used as a washing room, and the top story, we presume, a hop joint.

## Eureka School, 1904



San Juan County Historical Society photo

Eureka School in 1904, taken from Animas Street, looking east showing the front of the building.

### 100 years ago

From the June 5, 1915 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

#### WILL BUILD SOUTH MINERAL HILL ROAD.

Louis Wyman, superintendent of road construction, arrived Saturday from Pagosa Springs, where he has been reviewing the work being done on the Elwood Pass road. He estimates that the road over the pass will be completed by September. This will complete the Circle Scenic Route to Durango, leaving only the small stretch of 17 miles to build from the end of the road south of Silverton to the La Plata county line to complete this famous route.

### AIR MAIL TO TELLURIDE?

According to letters addressed to several postmasters, one of which was recently received by Postmaster Haas, the government is seriously considering the feasibility of establishing aeroplane mail routes between important offices which are close to each other but separated by physical obstacles such as mountain ranges which necessitates long, circuitous routes to maintain communication in mail transmission.

In this letter the department mentions the route between Silverton and Telluride as being one of the routes that it is now seriously considering.

Silverton last Saturday with more than 300 persons attending the open house.

The museum was started from scratch in the old county jail on the grounds of the San Juan County courthouse this year, and Saturday's opening ceremonies climaxed months of work by the newly formed historical society, a non profit corporation with the announced goal of preserving all possible items and documents in the county's history.

Included in the opening day ceremonies was a dedication of the *Casey Jones*, the historic rail bus which used to carry residents between Eureka and Silverton on the tracks of the Silverton Northern Railroad.

### 75 years ago

From the May 3, 1940 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

#### NEW MILL NEARS COMPLETION.

A crew of six men is placing new machinery and completing construction work for the new 100-ton mill. It is thought the property will be ready for production as soon as filters are received from the factory, within about a month.

### 50 years ago

From the June 4, 1965 edition of the *Silverton Standard & the Miner*:

#### OVER 300 ATTEND MUSEUM OPENING.

The new San Juan County Historical Society museum opened in

### 45 years ago

From the June 5, 1970 edition of the *Silverton Standard*:

#### TOWN GETS GRANT FOR POTTY PARK.

Announcement was made this past Tuesday that the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has approved a grant of \$6,500 to the Town of Silverton for the construction of its Blair Street restroom and park complex.

A fire this past Sunday evening destroyed the Ash Mesa home of Charlie Schmalz north of Olathe. A collection totalling \$225 was taken for the family of Schmalz among Silverton friends by Gail Zarkis. Charlie is Silverton's well-liked mailman from the north.

FOR SALE: Ted Salazar house. \$3500

## Looking Back

### 20 Years Ago June 1, 1995

My wife and I, along with countless other people, took great pleasure over the last few summers in watching the beavers in Cunningham Gulch systematically build their dams and intricate waterways and raise their young ... But ... some macho clown(s) has taken it upon himself to eliminate this magnificent animal from the location. They apparently took a rifle with scope and from the Old Hundred road above have slaughtered almost the entire population of beaver and muskrat in the ponds below. ... It certainly shows no respect whatsoever for nature, for the rest of us who live here, or for that matter, themselves ...  
"Zeke" Zanon

### 30 Years Ago May 39, 1985

Traffic on the road to Howardsville is limited because of a major washout on state highway 110 between the old Standard Metals office and the Mayflower Mill. The washout occurred sometime last Saturday or early Sunday, carrying a large amount of tailings into the Animas River. A plugged culvert which carries Boulder Creek under the road was the major cause of the problem. The roadway was built on a tailings pile in 1938, '39, or '40, according to Herman Dalla, who was a shovel operator on the project.

### 35 Years Ago June 3, 1980

The Sheriff's Department and Police Department were notified late in the afternoon that there had been a robbery at the Triangle Motel and that the suspect was still in town. The suspect was apprehended by Sheriff's officers and placed in the custody of the Silverton police department.

The mayor has proclaimed Saturday, June 7, as Official San Juan County Historical Society Museum Re-Opening Day.

The Blair Street Merchants Association has prepared the path for their new fire truck turned sprinkler by removing many of the rocks and even boulders from the street in the business blocks. It is hoped the improvements do not encourage increased speed of vehicular traffic.

### 40 Years Ago June 6, 1975

Confirmed Wednesday evening at St. Patrick's Catholic Church were David and Judy Swanson. Helen Samora, Randy Gallegos, Robert Tomasi, Evelyn Manzanarez, Gilbert Archuleta, Ronnie Lancaster and Mrs. Roy Lancaster.

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# SAN JUAN COURIER

Summer 2015Silverton, San Juan County, Colorado

## Historical Society Inspires National Bipartisan Hydroelectric Legislation

By Beverly Rich

The Mayflower Mill, located approximately two miles east of Silverton, was built in 1929 and operated until 1991, making it the single longest running mill in the history of the San Juan Mountains. After it was shut down, the Mayflower Mill was donated to the San Juan County Historical Society by Sunnyside Gold Corporation. Today the Mill is a National Historic Landmark which is open for public tours. Mill visitors learn how miners were able to extract gold, silver and base metals from the local hard rock ores.

The Mill property includes an existing pipeline which flows down Arrastra Gulch and across the Animas River to supply the water treatment plant at the Mill. The water treatment plant supplies clean drinking water for the Shenandoah Dives Mill and the small businesses located at the historic Animas Power and Water Substation which was rehabilitated by Society.

This pipeline follows the path of the ca. 1900 Mears/Wilfley (Otto Mears and Arthur Redmond Wilfley) pipeline which brought tailings down from Silver Lake to the Mears/Wilfley Mill. Remnants of the pipeline are still visible. The present pipeline was installed in 1929, but significant portions of it had been replaced by more modern materials through the years while the mill was in operation.

In addition, the Society made repairs to the bridge which brings the pipeline across the Animas River from Arrastra Gulch to the mill in 2008, when the support on the west side of the river failed at a cost of \$40,000. The project included repair of the existing intake in Arrastra Gulch in order to increase water flow, repairs to leaks in the pipeline, installation of a little powerhouse, and installation of a 8 kW micro-hydro turbine.

In order to determine the feasibility of the micro hydro electric project, the San Juan County Historical Society submitted a grant application in October of 2008 to the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development requesting funding to com-

plete the preliminary feasibility assessment for the project. AECOM's analysis indicated that structural repairs to the intake could provide a year round flow of at least 1.25 CFS into the pipeline. Available excess flow and pressure would be able to support installation of an 8 kW micro hydro turbine while still providing sufficient water to supply the water treatment plant at the Mill.

The project was developed using a design/build model with Telluride Energy as the project developer, building from Telluride Energy's experience with related projects in Ouray, Ophir, Telluride, Creede, Mancos and Snowmass. The project was built by local Silverton contractors Fuller Construction and Silverton Electric.

The project was highly successful until we started the FERC permitting process, and we found that we had to jump through the same hoops that a new Boulder Dam would be required to do. We became the poster child in getting the only bipartisan legislation passed in the last six years in Congress.

A bill was introduced in the House called the Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act. It was reintroduced to the U.S. House of Representatives January 15, 2013. The bill's main focus is to clear much of the red tape associated with permitting small hydroelectric power projects, mainly those generating less than 5 megawatts of electricity. It passed the house 422 to 0.

A bipartisan bill called the Hydropower Improvement Act of 2013 to encourage expanded hydropower production in the United States was introduced in the Senate. The bill removed licensing barriers for smaller hydro power development and would require a study on a streamlined permitting process at existing dams and pumped storage projects. It passed the Senate in 2014.

The Hydropower Regulatory Efficiency Act created a "regulatory off-ramp" from FERC permitting requirements for non-controversial hydro projects on existing conduits such as pipelines and canals which are less



than 5 megawatts. Per the language in the bill, the San Juan County Historical Society sent the first application for an exemption in the State and it was approved.

Another history-making milestone of which we were the poster child: The Colorado House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed HB14-1030, bipartisan legislation to streamline development of small hydropower in Colorado, by a vote of 62-3 on February 13, 2014. HB14-1030 streamlines state environmental review for small hydro projects without weakening or changing any underlying state environmental requirements.

The bill directs the Colorado Energy Office to facilitate project review by Colorado state agencies in a timely manner commensurate with federal agency timelines, making it possible for a project applicant to simultaneously clear federal and state review as quickly as 60 days for non-controversial small hydro projects. HB14-1030 also streamlined the electrical inspection process by citing the National Electrical Code (NEC) standards that electricians should be guided by when installing small hydro. The electrical inspector will determine whether the installation meets the NEC standards to assure safe, quality, and code compliant installations.

Now the plant is up and running and making power which we are getting credit for every time we get our bill. Having been through this adventure, we feel that we have been a part of the history of the hydro-power industry in the San Juans by helping to make this really huge change in the law, in this, the cradle of AC power history.

- May 15—Old 100 Mine Tour Opening Day  
May 23—Opening Day at the museum  
June 8—Mayflower Mill clean-up day 9:00 a.m.  
June 13—Mayflower Mill Opening Day  
June 19—Night at the Museum, authors' book signing party, 5:30 p. m.  
June 20—Cemetery Workday 10:00 a.m.  
June 27—Old Truck Show and Breakfast on Notorious Blair Street  
September 4—Silverton Movie Festival  
September 4-7—All School Reunion  
September 18-20—Step Back in Time
- <http://www.sanjuancountyhistoricalsociety.org/>



# Chairman’s Report

Dear Members:

After one of the lightest and mildest winters that I can ever remember, we have been greeted by a very winter-y spring! As I write it is snowing heavily and we have forgotten what the sun looks like. But, at only 57% normal snowpack in the San Juans, we are grateful for any and all moisture that we get.

Well, it’s been quite a ride this year what with being on the front cover of Preservation Magazine’s spring edition to being on the PBS Evening News. The magazine story was about our work at Animas Forks and the PBS story was about our role in the legislation that was passed to ease restrictions on small hydro power. You don’t go “National” like that very often. Right now we are getting the museum and mill ready to open for the season, and yep, I’m cleaning the jail once again.

Scott Fetchenier and Zeke Zanoni have been building the drilling exhibit, Steve Rich has done a camera and darkroom exhibit while also working on a gallery using an under-utilized part of our collection—our wonderful photos. Judy Zimmerman is making a big book order for the museum store and Jerry Hoffer is back wiring away. Believe it or not, we will be open on Memorial Day weekend! If you are around, we are having Mill Cleanup day on June 8th at 9:00 a.m. in anticipation of opening June 13th.

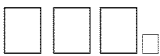
Through special dispensation from the Town of Silverton (no off-site advertising), we are also moving our newly restored Caboose #1005 to Greene Street lots at 11th Street, thanks to property owners Tommy and Patty Wipf. The caboose will be an attraction in downtown Silverton and it will used to promote the jail, Mining Heritage Center, Mill and Mine Tours. Some other big dates of note are Night at the Museum with a book signing by local authors on June 19th, followed by Cemetery Workday on June 20th. Then on June 27th, we will sponsor the Blair Street Historic District Association’s old truck show and break fast, a fund-raiser for that gritty little organization, and a fun time for all. Thanks to Casey Carroll and the museum ladies, we will have a full season of events, lectures and shows. Also, not to miss is the Silverton Standard’s Silverton Western Movie Festival on September 4th and a all new Step Back in Time on September 18-20th. Save the Dates!

We have no actual construction projects going on now, which is different, now that the new addition is done. Thanks, members, for your support for that. It is wonderful space and has allowed us to keep the momentum going on our mining museum—the best in the country. We do, however, have two other projects going—one is the development of construction documents for the coal trestle, the water tank and the interior of the Assay Office at the Mill. That way, if funding becomes available, we can be ready to start tomorrow. We also have a grant to do a Historic Structure Assessment of the Old Town Hall—the one on Blair Street. The Blair Street Historic District Association got a grant from former Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell for \$50,000 to do improvements on Blair Street and he has challenged us to leverage the funds. One of our ideas is to utilize the old Town Hall as restroom and visitor space, so this assessment will help us to set our fund-raising strategy.

We are proud to have saved the Old Hundred Boarding House, the incredible structure that sits perched on cliff high above Cunningham Gulch. What an adventure that was, using helicopters to tram in supplies and building materials for two summers. And while we were at it, we saved the tram house, too. But that was in 1998, and after a trip to the Old Hundred Boarding House last summer by several Society members, it was determined that some hefty foundation fixes need to be done on this building. Winter snow creates ice build-ups behind the building, pushing it away from the cliff’s face. With the foundation failing, it is only a matter of time before the building plunges to the bottom of the cliff. We are soliciting match money for a grant application to the State Historical Fund. We need to raise 25% and, thanks to you, have already raised over \$10,000. If you are as astounded by the Old Hundred Boarding House as we are, please consider a donation to keep this amazing building from falling apart and tumbling down the mountain.

We would like to give the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and its owner Al Harper a special welcome to our little community. They recently purchased the venerable Grand Imperial Hotel, one of our local centerpieces. If we can help in any way, Al, please ask. We are thrilled to have you here!

Good things are happening, dear members. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you this summer. And as I finish my letter, I believe I see a patch of blue sky to the south—the sun can’t be far behind!



# Archive Continues as a Very Busy Place

By Casey Carroll & Ray Dileo  
Another interesting year has passed at the Society’s Archive. We were very excited when we obtained several photographic and artifact collections this year. Leslie Stone Kuenzig, granddaughter of Roy Stone donated images of her grandfather’s. Roy and his brother, Harold, hauled mining equipment to the mines. Their business started up in Lake City and then was moved to Silverton, where they hauled to the mines of Silverton and Telluride. Roy Stone’s mother, Mary, is buried at Hillside Cemetery.

We received and scanned approximately 30 transparencies of mining from the 1950s from Izzy Nelson. We created 16” x 20” images of the transparencies for the Museum to display in the future. Two of the images were used in Donna Vessey’s PBS Show, *Rocky Mountain PBS*, which aired in February on Rocky Mountain PBS.

We also received Elliott Pickett’s collection of photos, maps and artifacts. The collection consists of images, maps, and documents of the Buffalo Boy and Vertex Mines. Elliott’s father was superintendant of the Vertex Mine before devastating fires in 1935 and 1936.

Other donations included books from Charles Arnett of Durango, Ed Mead of Hermosa, and we were given a photo album that had been stored on the East Coast from a relative of the Prosser family of Silverton. We also received a first edition, four volume book set of *The History of the State of Colorado*.

Carroll and Dileo supplied images to Mark and Karen Vendl for their new Arcadia book, *The Silverton Story*, which will be released this September. All royalties from the book have been graciously donated to the Society by the authors. Thank you, Mark & Karen! You are awesome!

We found images and information for a person in California who had just discovered that her relatives were former longtime residents of Silverton, the Sutherland family. She was thrilled that we had so many pictures of her family.

The crew scanned and sent images to The African Attach

ment of Cape Town, South Africa, for a video they are producing about the *San Juan County Historical Society* running event. We also had requests for images from as far away as Kotzebue, Alaska. We really enjoy the interest we receive from people who are so far from Silverton.

Dileo has just finished a digital frame for the museum that will feature a slideshow of about 40 historic images. If anyone would like a copy of any of these images, let the museum host know and they will relay your request to the archive.

PayPal Buttons on the Society’s website for memberships and donations are working out quite well. And, speaking of donations, we are ecstatic that we have collected close to \$13,000 for matching funds (25%) for the Old Hundred Boardinghouse stabilization project grant that we applied for on May 1st. Thanks to all of you who love and support the Old Hundred Boardinghouse!

Speaking of the website... if you have not yet visited our website ([sanjuancountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://sanjuancountyhistoricalsociety.org)) and signed up for our newsletters, please make time to do so. You will be informed of exciting upcoming events and any other news, as it happens.

The last year or so, we have been collaborating with the Animas Museum in Durango. They have donated shelving, bookcases, used barn wood, etc. Carolyn and Susan of the Animas Museum delivered most of these items because we cannot seem to find anyone in Silverton who owns a pickup truck. Really? Really!

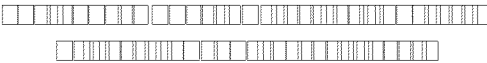
The Archive public computer is ready for anyone to come in and sit in a relaxed and pleasant environment and access the database of cataloged artifacts and digital photos from our historic images collection. We do charge a fee this service; however Society members receive a 10% discount.

Many of you know that Bev Rich retired in January as the longest running San Juan County Treasurer and she has set up her office on the second floor of the Archive. She may not be the County Treasurer any longer, but she will forever be our County Treasure!



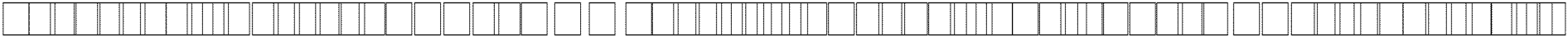
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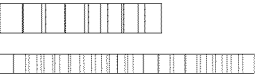


By David Singer

Over a hundred years after it ceased production in 1910, the Sound Democrat mill stands today with much of its original machinery intact. The US Bureau of Mines listed 36 stamp mills in the San Juan Region in a 1911 survey, and of all those structures, today only the Sound Democrat remains standing.

In the early 1990s the structure was teetering on the brink of collapse. In 1991 the National Park Service documented the mill with a Historic American Engineering Recordation project, measuring and drawing the mill structure and its machinery in precise detail. Then between 1992 and 1997, the Bureau of Land Management implemented a major stabilization effort, propping up the structure and replacing the roof, and preserving the intact batteries of stamps and crushing machinery. Without that effort, this historic mill structure would have just been another pile of lumber and rusted machinery, passed by on the 4x4 trail up Placer Gulch. However, this summer, almost 25 years since that initial documentation and stabilization, the Sound Democrat will be the subject of a comprehensive preservation project, to make critical repairs to the building envelope and foundation, and improve the interpretive signage at the site.

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We would like to give a BIG THANKS to volunteer extraordinaire Judy Zimmerman for organizing the upstairs of the Archive (and for the scrumptious cookies, cakes, doughnuts and fudge she occasionally brings us). Thanks Judy! We would also like to thank Life Member, Harry McGavran of Los Alamos, New Mexico, for his never ending computer support. We would like anyone who is “on the fence” about donating a collection they might have to know that we can scan images for you and put them on CD for your family to have. This way, your little or large collection of Silverton history will forever reside in a temperature and humidity controlled environment for future generations to enjoy. We are seeking pictures or artifacts from any decade, but there is growing interest of the 1950s through the 1980s. We definitely need items from these decades, so any item or items you would like to donate will be welcomed.

In ending, if you are in the neighborhood, you are invited to stop by the Archive any Thursday and see what we are up to!

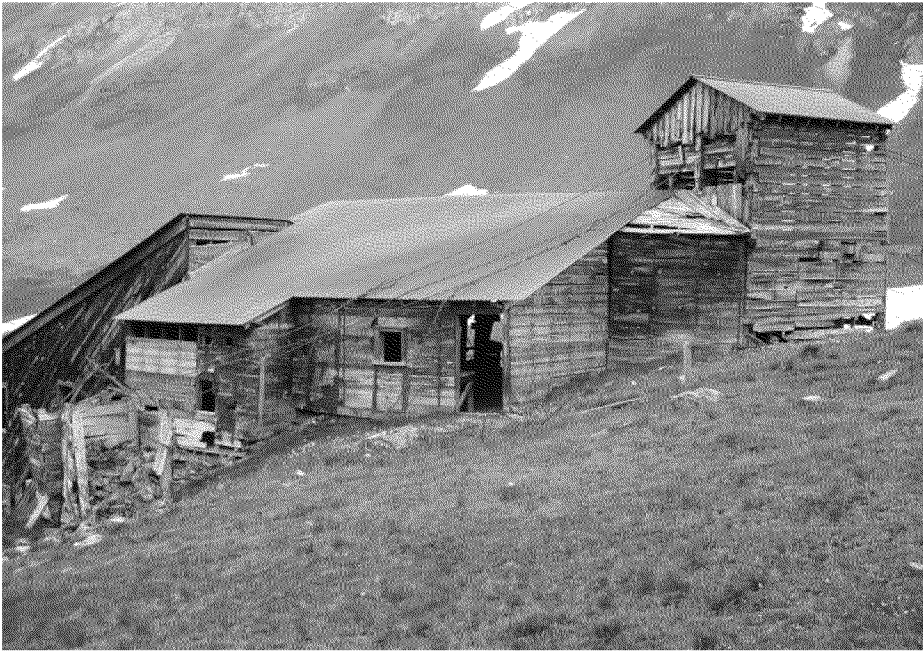
Again, thank you for your support!

Working in partnership with the Mountain Studies Institute, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and their Field Archaeologist, Bruce Bourcy, the Sound Democrat was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and was awarded a grant for the preservation of the building from the State Historical Fund. The total project budget is estimated at \$216,000. A detailed set of plans and specifications will first be developed to flesh out the required scope of work, and then implementation is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2015. Before the heavy snows of winter close off access to the site, which is well above Animas Forks, the building will be sealed up, and the drainage around the structure improved to protect and prepare the site for a season of restoration work in 2016. During the winter months, replica doors, windows, flooring and siding will be crafted off site, and new interpretive panels will be designed and fabricated.



J.B Ezell of Pine Bluff, Arkansas and local partner J.W. Walker of Eureka, purchased the Sound Democrat mine on September 23, 1905 for \$20,000. The mine included approximately 800 feet of tunnels at the time of purchase. Walker was employed as the Mine Manager and was charged with the development of the mine and construction of the mill and tramway. Ezell incorporated the business soon after the purchase, and the mill was constructed between 1905 and 1906 by the Arkansas Mining and Tunnel Company, as a small prospect type amalgamation and concentration stamp mill. The estimated capacity of the mill in its original configuration was approximately 20 tons.

Ore entered the mill via an aerial tramway and down a chute into a “Samson” jaw crusher, which broke the ore down to a three-inch feed size and was dropped into an ore bin below. Mechanical feeders moved the ore from the bin to a battery of stamps where the ore was reduced to a fine sand. The pulverized ore then passed through a set of screens at the base of the stamps and washed across amalgamation plate tables. A thin film of mercury on the plates captured the “free gold”, producing an amalgam that was scrapped off weekly. The mercury was then vaporized out of the amalgam in a retort kiln in an assay office, leaving the refined gold to be captured. The remaining pulverized ore was then washed onto the concentration tables where the waste rock slurry flowed across the table’s surface. The thin riffle bars on the table caught the heavier silver, lead and zinc sulfides while the lighter



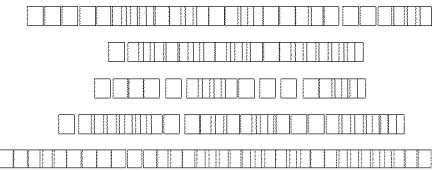
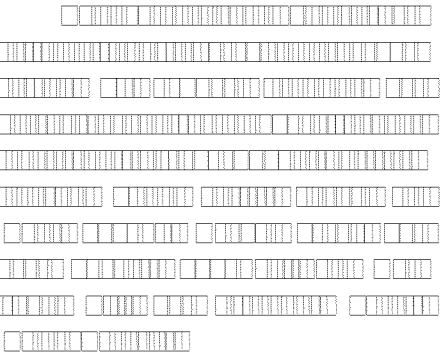
waste materials washed into a chute and were channeled out to the tailings pile down slope from the mill. The concentrate was then bagged and shipped to the smelter for concentration.

The Panic of 1907 crippled the mining industry in the west and the metal markets for copper and lead collapsed causing western smelters to stop purchasing ores, and the Sound Democrat fell silent for two years. Then in 1909, the Durango smelter’s announcement that they would resume the purchase of lead ores and concentrates, inspired new interest in the Sound Democrat’s production. The person responsible for rekindling and remodeling the Sound Democrat was Joe Terry. Terry revamped and boosted the production of the mill with the addition of a battery of four Nissen stamps, adjacent to the original three stamp battery, and added a 6th Level which housed two additional sixteen-foot concentration tables. Joe Terry was the son of one of Colorado’s foremost mining men John Terry, who managed the Sunnyside Mill, one of the biggest gold producers in the San Juan Mountains. After his father’s death, Joe assumed the management of the Sunnyside Mill with its hundred stamp battery, leaving the Sound Democrat.

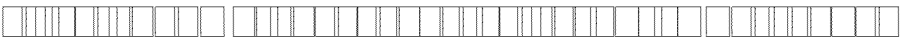
The Sound Democrat produced an estimated \$20,000 in concentrate in its short, sporadic

operation. Today however, the “Gold and Silver” remaining at the Sound Democrat lies in its capacity to transport us back in time where we can imagine the daunting experience of those hearty few miners who came to prospect the San Juan for riches never found. Those experiences are invaluable!

The BLM’s continued decades-long stewardship of the property should be lauded, as the site is the last of its kind in the San Juan. Preserving and interpreting the broad landscape of our mining heritage is paramount to our tourism industry here in the remote corners of Southwestern Colorado. Preserving places like these for people to come and explore is inextricably linked to our community’s economic survival. So, this year, stay a few extra nights in Silverton, and make the journey past Animas Forks and explore the Sound Democrat!







By Fritz Klinke

We have had an active group of volunteers in Silverton working on the Silverton Northern project this past year toward several goals. One of the more significant events was a successful fund raising effort through the Main Street Crowd Funding web site. This effort raised several thousand dollars. We are very appreciative of the many people, both society members, and others, who joined in this effort.

We were pleased to receive a \$3300 grant for economic development from San Miguel Power Association last summer that has been applied towards the cost of track material.

A new logo was developed for the Silverton Northern. Our first use of the logo has been on a successful line of hats that are being used both as rewards for donations and for sale to raise additional funds. The latest order of 100 hats has just been received and we will be sending out a number of hats still due to our contributors.

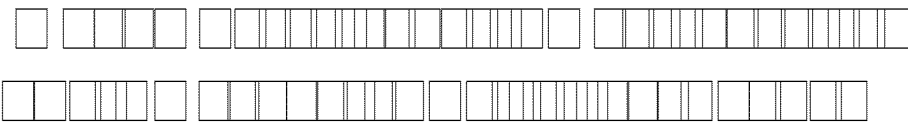
A significant project is what we call the Silverton Northern Demonstration Track. This short piece of track will be 300 feet long and is being built on Society owned property just east of the power house. We purchased used railroad ties, new spikes and track

material, and hauled over Red Mountain Pass 600 feet of rail that was generously donated by the Ridgway Railroad Museum. A very significant amount of fill material on site has been leveled and the road bed work has started.

Another project is the moving of the restored Silverton Northern Caboose 1005 from the engine house to a location at the corner of 11th Street and Greene Street, on property owned by the Wipfs. We will be using the caboose to promote the museum complex, the Sunnyside Mill, and the Old 100 Mine tour, and very importantly, the Silverton Northern rebuilding effort.

We laid a short piece of track at this location in May which has been ballasted and has the correct appearance. No commercial businesses will be promoted. Members of the SN committee will volunteer time when possible to staff the caboose and hand out museum brochures.

One very successful fund raising event last summer was offering rides in the Casey Jones on two separate weekends. We had about 700 feet of track at the engine house on which to operate the Casey. We were very pleased with the number of people who took the opportunity to take a ride. The Casey will be pressed into service again this summer as a fund raiser.



By Stephen F. Rich

In mid-October of 2014 several museum staff members and volunteers traveled to Colorado Springs on a mission to acquire artifacts from the Western Museum of Mining and Industry. We had previously tagged the artifacts chosen from their surplus inventory. They needed to downsize so they could acquire a new storage facility, as a highway was being constructed through the site. Like kids in a candy store we loaded our treasures into pickups and on volunteer Tony Vowels' flatbed trailer. A steam hoist weighing about 2500 lbs, vertical steam engine, a steam powered compressor, a large (3500lbs) horizontal steam engine with a 36" x 8" flywheel and a "hit and miss" engine. All machines have been restored and will actually work.

Most of the larger mines in the San Juans used steam to power their operations until electric power from the grid was available. In addition we acquired a 6' wooden Bull wheel in nearly perfect condition, numerous hand forged blacksmith tools, and a large rack to contain them. We also were given about forty feet of nearly new heavy duty shelving, something we really needed. To load these heavy machines we rented a local heavy duty forklift,

which was delivered to the site. All and all it was a truly productive excursion to the big city and yet we were all glad to get back to the quiet slow paced life here in Silverton, just before the snow fell. Most of the new acquisitions are on display and in an ongoing effort interpretive information is being produced. The group from Silverton was comprised of Stephen Rich, David Zanoni, Jerry Hoffer, and Tony Vowels. Our associate and member Lowell Ross, from Woodland Park, Colorado was much help in coordinating the forklift rental and other logistics before and during the move. A sincere thank you goes out to Dr. Richard Sauers, executive director of the Western Museum of Mining and Industry.

One of the most satisfying aspects of museum work is the design and creation of museum exhibits. Each year the exhibit staff produces new additions to our already awesome museum. This year is no exception. Zeke Zanoni has completed a large interpretive exhibit on pneumatic drills used for mining in the San Juans. Much machinery is displayed with interpretive labels and numerous historic photographs showing similar machines in actual use. Rich, Scott Fetchenier and Zanoni constructed yet another

# Durango Railroad Historical Society Rebuilds cars, Partners with San Juan on Silverton Railroad Historical Park

By George Niederauer

In February 2015 the Durango Railroad Historical Society was awarded a grant of \$84,799 from the Colorado State Historical Fund (SHF). This grant supports acquiring and restoring several narrow gauge cars and creating interpretive signs about the cars and about "Trails to Rails". These cars once served the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad. With these funds the Society bought two freight cars (a double deck stock car and a flatcar) and three work cars (a bunk car; a tool car; and a flanger, used to clear snow and ice from tracks). Over the next two years the Society will restore four cars and produce an interpretive sign for each one: double deck stock car, single deck stock car, bunk car, and flanger.

This acquisition and restoration project, as well as other projects, will increase preservation and help inform the public about the importance of narrow gauge railroads that were so crucial to the development of southwest Colorado. Progress on restoring the cars can be followed at the website [www.drhs315.org](http://www.drhs315.org) and via Facebook. This project requires matching cash of \$28,266. Donations for this and other projects can be sent to the Durango Railroad Historical Society, P. O. Box 654, Durango, CO 81302 or via PayPal on its website.

Another rail car project began this spring: restoring a refrigerator car (reefer). Long ago the Society gave up trying to find a reefer, especially a 30 foot long short version. Last fall it came to the attention of Duane Danielson that some such cars existed in the San Luis Valley. Several reefer bodies were found that had been sitting directly on the ground for decades, so their sills had rotted, and the bodies had generally deteriorated from lack of maintenance. Then a pair of bodies was found sitting on blocks with a

roof over them; they had formed two walls of a storage building. The Society bought the two reefer bodies this spring. One is undergoing the first phase of restoration: getting a set of trucks under it. The other will be used for storage next to the engine house in Silverton.

The Society now has eleven cars that will be displayed, when restored, in the Silverton Railroad Historical Park. It has already restored a high-side gondola and a drop-bottom gondola. In 2014 the Society bought a boxcar and a single-deck stock and acquired the tank for a wood-frame tank car. The Society is still looking for a caboose (short one preferred).

In a joint project with the San Juan County Historical Society, they began to restore the 1912 Silverton Northern engine house in Silverton to store Locomotive 315 and to support its maintenance and the restoration of railcars by both societies. They also reconstructed three blocks of Silverton Northern track for displaying restored railcars. The State Historical Fund has supported all these projects. This summer the San Juan County Historical Society plans to reconstruct the Silverton Northern oil shed, which sits next to the engine house, and use it as an office and break room for volunteers working on various projects.

The Durango Railroad Historical Society will not be running the Locomotive 315 this year because it is too busy on the rail car and Emma Sweeny projects. Emma Sweeny is the full-size model locomotive that was used in the 1950 movie *The Last Days of Pompeii*, which was filmed in Silverton, on Molas Pass, and in Durango. This movie, and others of the period, helped save the Silverton Branch of the D&RGW by attracting more tourists to ride the train.

other full scale cutaway of a mine tunnel heading with an ore car. More concrete work forming the tunnel and hundreds more fake rocks!

Hofer has installed over fifty feet of overhead track lighting throughout the museum and is presently upgrading numerous case lights to new LED fixtures. We should see some energy savings in the future.

In our recently completed new addition Fetchenier and Rich constructed a small gallery space to exhibit thirty or more enlarged historic photographs of Silverton and the San Juans. Several new additions to our camera collection and a darkroom complete with trays and an enlarger, beakers,

chemistry and paper has been produced. Interpretive labels, a viewing window and a push button (interactive) control turns off the safe lights and powers up the enlarger demonstrating this now vintage process for producing photographs. Our patrons will depart the darkroom and photo exhibit with new understanding as to how the wonderful historic photographs in our collection came to be.

A new eight foot lighted secure display case for the mineral room was built to replace a smaller case. This case will hold a new and extensive collection of minerals from a local donor, the name to be released upon the exhibit's completion.